

POOR MARIE AT REST NOW

Fatally Burned Actress Repented on Her Death-Bed.

ONLY 23 AND BEAUTIFUL.

Married Well, but Was Soon Divorced—Her Mother Is Wealthy.

The fire-blackened body of poor "Marie Claremont," who died yesterday of the New York Hospital, after suffering untold agonies for nearly a week, was buried to-day in consecrated ground in Calvary Cemetery.

She died repentant, having sent for a priest, who received her confession. She showed no terror of death either before or after her conversion. Her one cry was for her pet dog, a Scotch poodle, who has been taken care of by a woman named Sylvia, who lived in the Fifth Avenue apartment where Miss Claremont got her mortal hurts.

Some mystery surrounds the fire that killed her, but the authorities are inclined to the belief that it was accidental.

"Marie Claremont"—it was her stage name—was only twenty-three when she learned the truth of the sentence: "The wages of sin is death." She was a beautiful woman.

Tall, erect, graceful, with a brunette face of rare attractiveness, eyes that shined with passion and a mass of dark hair, she was a woman who could command attention and love.

Her maiden name was Maude Hagen. Her mother, a broken-hearted actress, now living at the Hotel Stoughton, but soon to sail for Europe, is wealthy.

Five years ago Maude married an insurance agent named Gibson. They lived in Harlem in style. But he got a divorce on statutory grounds, and after that he had little to do with her.

In Philadelphia she found a man who backed her in a French farce enterprise, and she went on the road as "Marie Claremont," actress. She got no farther as the Pacific Slope and then her husband deserted her.

Two years ago she returned to New York. Her face became a familiar one in the fashionable hotels, which she was accompanied by a distinguished looking companion of the "French Count" sort. He had a half of leaving her in the lurch, and she would then weep and thus win the sympathy of men of wealth.

Then came the "accident." The dress catching fire, the burned limbs, the screams, the rescue at the hands of a colored maid, the week of suffering in the hospital, the eleventh hour repentance, the death, and to-day she lies at rest in a heavenly abode so often in this great city.

BRIDE WAS DESERTED.

The Fredericks-Johnson Wedding Mysteriously Put Off—Bride—Groom Missing.

George Briggs Fredericks, a nephew of Gen. Otis, of the Philippines, was to have married Grace Johnson at her home, 18 West One Hundred and Thirty-first street, Wednesday evening. It has been indefinitely postponed.

The cause assigned for the postponement was the prospect of the bridegroom's sudden illness, but it is alleged that it was his sudden disappearance which threw the obstacle in the way of the marriage. No one seems to know where he went.

The story is that Mr. Johnson, the bride's father, had received an anonymous letter in which some unkind things were said about Mr. Fredericks, and that the latter resented the consideration of the statement by his father-in-law, and that he made up his mind not to marry Miss Johnson.

The guests were disappointed, as was the bride, presumably the clergyman, the caterer and others. The Presbyterian Church of the Puritans, at Fifth Avenue and One Hundred and Thirtieth street, had been engaged to officiate, and not only had the bride's costume been completed but those of the bridesmaids as well.

The latter were to have been Miss Edith Davis, of New Rochelle; Miss Dean, of Orange, and the Misses Besse and Ethel Johnson, sisters of the bride. Charles Ingersoll, of Brooklyn, was to have been best man.

Miss Johnson, with red eyes and face swollen with weeping, opened the door for an evening maid, who brought her a note, which she said she had nothing to say. Her mother said: "I have been waiting for you, but you were not of a nature in any way to disgrace the young couple. We care nothing about Mr. Fredericks, and there is nothing more to say."

Mr. Fredericks' aunt, with whom he lived, and other relatives, were not at all of them said: "There is nothing to say."

THIS MAN IS AN IMPOSTOR.

He Never Was Employed on The World and Is Unknown to the Paper.

A man masquerading under various names and claiming to have been formerly employed on The World has been going about the city presenting begging letters to business men. A week ago a man called at the office of Jacob Fromme, a lawyer, of No. 30 Nassau street, with a letter purporting to have been written by a former reporter on The World, who said he was at his home, No. 61 West Forty-ninth street. The letter of the letter would have been whatever said Mr. Fromme cared to give. Charles E. Edgel, President of the Manhattan Beach Hotel Company, yesterday received a letter in the same writing, claiming to be a former reporter, but signed by another name than that signed to Mr. Fromme's letter, and gave him the same address as No. 212 East One Hundred and Eighty-ninth street. Like Mr. Fromme, Mr. Edgel was made by The World to catch this purveyor, but were unsuccessful. No person of the name signed to the letters was ever employed on The World.

NOW IS THE TIME TO BUY.

Get Your Winter Clothing at Still Lower—See Your Winter at a Bargain.

Now is the time of the year that the big money man, or the head of

WHY ARE YOU NOT A MILLIONAIRE?

MEN and women who have made failures in life here tell their stories and give reasons, as they see them, for having missed the goal of success. These letters, thousands of which have been received, were invited by The Evening World, which will give \$25 in prizes to the best communications on the subject.

First prize is \$10 in gold.
Second prize is \$5 in gold.
Third prize is \$5 in gold.
Fourth prize is \$5 in gold.

Letters must not be over 300 words. They should tell actual individual experience, and the names and addresses of the writers—which will not be published—should accompany them.

Address letters to Failure Competition, Evening World, P.O. Box 2,354, N.Y. City.

Too Unselfish.

THE cause of my failure is due solely to the fact that the great unknown Being who forges the chain and causes of all events chose to endow me with an insatiable and irresistible desire to practically demonstrate my possession of a warm and feeling heart to all with whom I have come into contact during my thirty-six years of existence.

The consequence is I never have a thought of self, in spite of the opportunities for my advancement having presented themselves to me during a three years' residence in London, England, and a subsequent twelve years' residence in Australia.

Now, after a three years' residence in America, I find myself to-day in spite of being highly educated, unable to earn my living owing to my inability to obtain a position, and my feelings are only aggravated by reason of my being still permitted by my weakness referred to above, to have given up all hope of achieving any success in this world, merely hanging on in my steadfast belief in the existence of an all-powerful and equally beneficent God and a world to come, beyond death and the grave, where I can alone look for my reward.

FATALITY.

Never Advertised.

NEVER advertised in business, which was a great mistake on my part. If I advertised people would have been attracted and I would have had a chance to make many a dollar. I say again to starters in business: Advertise. It costs little and the gain is most assuredly great. My failure was due to my not doing this, which is cheap and easy to do.

JOHN, Brooklyn.

A Poetic Failure.

I bark set sail to cross life's sea. The breeze was strong and fair, Laid to her course right cheerfully.

No doubt or fear was there. She tried all other craft to pass And sail on even keel. The pilot only was, alas! By the false coast he ran.

She sailed along for many a day. The practice, now a man, Was often dashed by blinding spray By the false coast he ran.

With bare poles now I cannot reach. The voyage is nearly o'er. And soon the coasts will roll and bleach Mid shipwrecks on that shore.

JOSEPH THORNTON, Middletown, N. Y.

Don't Gamble!

CAN chiefly attribute my failure to the old saying: "The mighty dollar is the only true friend and when you have that you never fail." Let all those who have sent in their statements, especially those that gamble, stop, and save their money (but live properly) and then send a letter to the editor in about six months' time and see if there won't be a big change. There are nine cases out of ten that gambling is the chief cause of the failures.

V. P. LANNING.

A Schoolgirl's Story.

AM but a schoolgirl of fourteen. Yet I have failed. I was promoted into the fifth grammar grade last June. I thought I was too smart to study, so when the end of the term came I was a complete failure in my lessons and had to take the examinations over again.

the family, for that matter, cast about him for the next winter's supply of clothing. He realizes that merchants seeking to reduce stock to make way for their Spring trade sell winter clothing much cheaper now, and standard clothing is always in style.

Brill Brothers begin a sale to-morrow morning, and, disposing with the usual "cut" words, simply announce that they have cut prices for men's and boys' clothing in half at their four stores, 20 Broadway, 47 Cortlandt street, 211 Sixth Avenue and One Hundred and Twenty-ninth street and Third Avenue.

they call it, and it is a semi-annual sale, not a trick. It begins at 9 o'clock A. M.

Due to Drink.

WOULD say it is because I drink. When I get my pay I spend half of it for drink, and have always done so. I am now forty years old. I have spent that way since I was twenty. I get \$1.25 per day. If I had what I have spent for drink I would not have failed. I am a good stonecutter and quarryman, but now at forty years old I have failed and drunk is the cause.

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COULD not say "no" to slick talkers. I started in the real-estate business at the age of twenty years. At the age of forty I had saved more than \$100,000. Then came along a slick talker and got me to advance thousands of dollars in renting and sub-renting offices. I could not say "No." The amount I advanced in the business was lost. Then came along another slick talker to ask me to endorse his notes for thousands of dollars. I could not say "No." He failed in business and I was obliged to pay the amount on his behalf. I have spent that money. I have left went to another slick talker. He got me to take hold of the lumber business and made me president of the company. In two years the company had failed. All of my savings now had gone. I have stuck by false affidavits (see estate) and said "No! No! No!" I would have been a very rich man had I not.

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But I have resolved to study in my new class.

Talks Too Much.

HAVE not only the power to put into words every little detail I know about the business in which I am employed, but I add much more to it than belongs to it and furnish such a multitude of ideas and details as to completely overwhelm my employers with confusion, making it necessary for them to cast me off as something dangerous to their business interests. Thus, I have failed.

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BARBER TURNS ON LANDLORD.

Saracena, Dispossessed, Wants Damages in Court.

Michael Saracena has won the fifth round of the fight against his landlord. Michael had a fine barber shop at 1297 Madison Avenue last year. The landlord, William H. Ebling, Jr., wanted him to move to make room for a fourteen-story office building, but Michael said nay.

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